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Annuity Board Shifts Health Plan To Aetna

DALLAS (BP)—A new health benefit plan, featuring a change in insurance companies, has been announced here by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. The new plan will cover pastors and other church staff personnel in the 11.8 million member convention.

David H. Morgan, board president, said the medical insurance program will be moved from Blue Cross-Blue Shield to Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company, effective Jan. 1, 1973. The change responds to feelings expressed at the 1972 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Morgan said.

There, the convention adopted the motion of a Knoxville, Tenn., pastor who asked that Annuity Board to consider finding another health insurance company. Ray O. Jones of Knoxville made the motion.

There are 12,771 pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, and other church employees taking part in the present health benefit plan, which offers hospitalization and medical insurance coverage. Employees of denominational agencies and institutions are not affected by the changes, since they are in group health plans for agencies.

Morgan pointed out that Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which has provided health benefit insurance to SBC churches since 1965, increased rates in the SBC plan 36 per cent in 1971 and another 36 per cent in 1972. At the same time, the board received complaints about slow payment of claims. Claims against Blue Cross-Blue Shield in 1971 exceeded premiums, however, by about \$500,000 according to the board's report to the convention at Philadelphia.

With Aetna Life and Casualty, the annuity board believes it has gained improved benefits, service, and stability, Morgan said. Aetna's contract bars any rate increase until July 1, 1974.

Another new feature of coverage under Aetna classifies insured persons by age and geographical locations. "There is a very direct relationship between the costs of medical insurance with area and age," Morgan explained. "The only fair way is for each of us to assume his share of the cost."

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Men's Conference Ready Nov. 13



J. T. Gilbert



Dr. Carl Bates



John Laughlin

The annual Mississippi Baptist Conference will be held at Jackson's First Baptist Church Monday afternoon and evening, Nov. 13, one day prior to the opening of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Nov. 14.

Dr. Carl Bates, pastor First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a native Mississippian, will be the principal speaker at the inspirational evening session, to begin in the church auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

Elmer Sizemore, of Boston, Southern Baptist director of missions in the New England states, will also speak. John McNaughton, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Brandon, will direct the singing at the service, to be presided over by J. T. Gilbert of Jackson, Men's Conference president.

At 5:30 p.m. the annual banquet will be held in Fellowship Hall at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson. The principal program personality will be John Laughlin, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Meridian, known on occasions of this kind as "Big John, the Cajun." He will provide fun and entertainment.

Food, fun, inspiration and challenge will be featured at the banquet, according to Rev. E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Tickets will be \$1.50 each and can be secured at the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., according to Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood department, who will be master of ceremonies for the banquet.

Mrs. Leslie Davis of Jackson will sing a medley of songs to complete the banquet program.

The afternoon session, to begin at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, will feature a mission work travel: leg and leadership training in the following areas, according to Mr. Howell, who will preside: Pastors, church, Brotherhood directors, Baptist men's unit officers; G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood director, Florida; superintendents of missions and associational Brotherhood officers: Ben Connell; Royal Ambassador leadership, leader, Clayton Gilbert, both of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Wayne Herrington, a Pioneer Royal (Continued on page 5)

Study Urges Retention Of N.C. Hospital

ASHEBORO, N. C. (BP)—North Carolina Baptists will be asked at their annual meeting in Winston-Salem next month to reaffirm their commitments to the healing ministry and retain North Carolina Baptist Hospital as a vital part of the convention's work.

Retention of the hospital is the first of six recommendations made by a special committee of the convention after a year's study of the relationship between the hospital and convention.

The committee's report was unveiled at the fall meeting of the convention's General Board at Camp Mundo Vista, the state woman's camp, near here.

Other recommendations in the report asked for a new medical center board for the Winston-Salem hospital, designation of the Mother's Day Offering taken each year for the hospital to be used for charity care only, the hospital to match the offering with like value in hospital services, a new effort to communicate the hospital program to North Carolina Baptists, and full departmental status for the hospital.

The Winston-Salem hospital operates in cooperation with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, and has developed through the years into an academic medical center.

About six years ago, the hospital started a \$17 million expansion program that has skyrocketed into a \$42 million program because of increased construction costs.

The hospital has repeatedly asked the convention for authorization for loans to continue the construction program, and has begun new policies, including closing of its school of nursing and charity care policies that

High Court Involved In News

Will Hear Case Of S. C. Baptist College

WASHINGTON (BP)—A case involving the Baptist College of Charleston, S. C. will be argued before the U. S. Supreme Court sometime this session.

The case of Hunt v. McNaughton concerns the constitutionality of the state of South Carolina helping the Baptist College of Charleston refinance its debt and build new facilities for non-sectarian teaching with funds from a state bond issue.

Both the general Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and the full convention approved of the \$4 million bond issue by the school in a tax-free category and at a low interest rate.

Under the unique arrangement, the college agreed to deed to the state certain buildings and lands not otherwise encumbered, with two stipulations — that the college be permitted to lease the property for 30 years at no charge, and at the end of the period to repurchase the property for \$1.

The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the plan was constitutional, but the plaintiff in the case appealed the state court's ruling to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Last year, the U. S. Supreme Court sent the case back to South Carolina Supreme Court, asking that it be reconsidered in the light of 1971 U. S. Supreme Court opinions which concerned "excessive entanglements" between government and religion.

Tough Questions On Abortion Confronted

WASHINGTON (BP)—The United States Supreme Court has an opportunity in its new session to speak on a subject that has major moral and religious implications — abortion.

In what is almost sure to become a landmark decision affecting a billion laws in all the states, the Supreme Court must confront questions that are both philosophical and moral as well as legal.

Does a woman have a constitutional right to decide for herself if she will have an abortion? What about the rights of the physician who performs the abortion?

Does a fetus have constitutional rights? If so, what is the obligation of the state to protect the rights of the unborn? How should these rights be balanced against the rights of the "born"?

At what point does "humanity" occur in the fetus? Who should decide at what point "personhood" begins in the fetus? Should that determination be a medical one, or a religious and philosophical one?

These are some of the questions presented to the court during rearguments on two cases the court delayed action on last year. The two cases are Jane Roe v. Henry Wade and Mary Doe v. Arthur K. Bolton.

At issue are the anti-abortion laws in Texas and Georgia where lower courts have issued declaratory judgments that the state laws are "overboard" and "unconstitutionally vague."

Disparity Of School Funds Case Heard

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP)—Religious, education and civil liberties groups lined up against public officials in more than 30 states before the U. S. Supreme Court here in an effort to overthrow public school financing by means of property tax.

In the case, San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez, the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Texas held that "it is unconstitutional for Texas to use its method of school financing primarily on the local property tax."

This discriminates against poor children on the basis of wealth and denies them "the equal protection of the laws," the Texas court declared. Texas public officials appealed the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. More than 30 other states filed briefs to support the position of the State of Texas.

On the other side, on behalf of the poor children in the Edgewood School District in Bexar County (San Antonio) a brief was filed by the National Council of Churches, American Civil Liberties Union, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, National Coalition of American Nuns, National Catholic Conference for International Justice, Southwest Council of LaRaza, United Ministries in Public Education, and the Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality.

In addition to these, the National (Continued on page 5)

Missionaries Who Will Evangelize Said Needed Now In Latin America

RICHMOND (BP)—Not the quantity but quality of missionaries appointed is the principal consideration among Latin American Baptists, according to a report filed with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by six missionaries who studied Baptist work in Central and South America during the past four years.

The six filed their seven-page "Report of the Latin American Depth Study Committee" during a meeting of the full board here. They had been named in the spring of 1968 to learn all they could about factors affecting the growth and development of Baptist churches in Latin America. While here for the board meeting, they participated in a panel discussion of their report. The document is a summary of a 132-page report presented to administrative officials of the board.

The committee found the "overwhelming viewpoint" of Latin American Baptists is that more missionaries are needed. But the "kind and quality of missionaries sent," not the number, is the principal factor in an increasing missionary force, they said. "These missionaries should go only with the assurance of divine calling to the place of assignment," stated the report.

The current scene in Latin America calls for missionaries who will specialize in the establishment and development of local congregations,

and "who will do the work of evangelism as well as recommend it to others."

While the missionary's role in denominational administration will continue to lessen in Latin America, he has "an open field" for starting new churches. "Future missionaries will have to be increasingly flexible about their place of service and be willing to respond to places of pressing opportunities," the report added.

They must rely first of all on spiritual and not material resources. "The committee questions the attitude found among some missionaries and nationals that insists on providing the present mission force with adequate funds before sending out more missionaries. The missionary, with his redemptive experience in Christ, is the key resource for missions."

Although money is important, said the committee members, the priority must be for God-called personnel. Vast strides have been made in Latin America, but the committee members said they "do not believe that the results thus far achieved are equal to the opportunities that have been presented."

Committee members were A. Clark Scanlon, chairman, William W. Graves, Donald R. Kammerdiener, James P. Kirk, Alan P. Neely and Vance O. Nernon.

Their summary report said Bap-

tists in Latin America are characterized by a strong sense of denominational consciousness and loyalty which some other denominational groups have not attained, and this loyalty is due to the effective work of Baptist publishing houses.

At times, however, Baptists have overemphasized structures and organizations, and in some cases these have been too large for national Baptist constituencies.

And, while Baptist generally maintain a strong emphasis on evangelism and new work, this emphasis still depends "to an alarming degree on foreign funds," said the report.

Baptist pastors in Latin America are called "outstanding" as a group, but the report noted "some evidence of a ministerial professionalism that both limits their effectiveness and shuts the door to the vital ministries of laymen."

The report said: "The greatest contribution Southern Baptist have made to Latin America is the dedicated and talented lives they have sent. We believe that the majority of financial resources available to Latin America should be used in providing personnel."

"Southern Baptists' greatest undergirding is specific, knowledgeable and sacrificial intercessory prayer. Our greatest needs and problems can be met only by spiritual power," the committee members concluded.

Russia Calls For New Campaign Against Religion

In a front-page article, the Soviet newspaper, "Pravda," calls for a new drive against religion and accuses some Communist party members and officials of attending religious services.

The article says that every Communist must be a militant atheist and that the party will not tolerate members attending religious services.

Commentators see in the article and its publication an admission that Soviet authorities are troubled by the continuing vigor of religious faith in the USSR and the increasing number of officials and party members who of officials and party members who have been attending services, taking their children to church for baptism, and generally showing a revival interest in religion.



It's Called "The Garden Of God"

Have you ever seen hyssop? the vine of Sodom? acacias? bulrushes? lilies of the field? The first motion picture on Biblical flora has been released. Filmed in the Holy Land and called "The Garden of God," it shows 45 named varieties in their natural settings. The film was produced by the Charlotte, North Carolina, Biblical Garden, community park that will soon display three acres of authentic Biblical plants (Photo courtesy of Charlotte Biblical Garden)

Committee Named To Study Convention Retirement Benefits

DALLAS (BP)—Ten persons have been named to a committee to recommend a way of increasing retirement benefits paid by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board based here.

Donald E. Bowles, Dallas, chairman of Annuity Board trustees, said the committee appointments follow instructions given to the Annuity Board by the 1972 session of the convention.

John S. Rasco, Odessa, Tex., pastor, and another member of the Annuity Board's trustees, was named as chairman.

Harvey T. Whaley, a retired minister living in Charleston, S. C., who presented the motion that led to convention action, will also serve on the committee.

In line with Whaley's motion, the committee includes representatives of trustees of the Annuity Board, SBC Executive Committee, Baptist state conventions, annuitants drawing benefits from the board, and staff members of the Annuity Board.

Other members of the committee include: Ira D. Hudgins of Franklin, Va., and Rev. Phillips of Spokane, Wash., (Annuity Board trustees); Norvell G. Jones of St. Louis and Steward B. Simms of Greer, S. C., (Executive Committee members); Ralph Bacon of Dallas (an annuitant); W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss. (Mississippi Baptist Convention executive secretary); and Baynard F. Vox and Mrs. Bernelle Harrison of Dallas (Annuity Board staff).

Bowles said the committee will have a report for presentation to the 1973 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Ore.

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EDITORIAL

The Importance Of Doctrine

Paul prophesied that the day would come when men "would not endure sound doctrine." (2 Tim. 4:3) Surely, that day must have come in this generation. From many sides we hear that doctrine is not an important issue to this modern age. Many seem to be saying that it does not make any difference what one believes, just so he is "active" for the Lord.

One does not have to give very serious consideration to such ideas until he sees how faulty they are. Doctrine is important! Indeed, it is of utmost importance, since it is the very foundation of any worthy faith, the framework for any spiritual building that men do, and the skeleton for any spiritual body that is formed. No great program for God can successfully be done without basic beliefs upon which to do it.

Moreover, men do not give themselves to a cause unless they believe in it. They do not follow a program without some convictions concerning it. It is what men believe that makes them what they are.

It is doctrinal beliefs which makes us Baptists. Without these distinctive beliefs, which Baptists are convinced come from the Bible itself, there would be no Baptist churches. The great history of Baptists through past centuries, and the blessings of God upon them today, have come because they believed the Bible and have stood firmly on the doctrines they believe it teaches.

That is why, in this day when many deny doctrinal distinctiveness, that we have a conviction that Baptists must know what they believe and why they believe it. This is the reason that from time to time we present a special emphasis on doctrine in the Baptist Record. We believe that our people need to know what are our Baptist distinctives and why we hold to them.

In this issue we are presenting two articles on the Baptist position on baptism and the Lord's supper. These are written by two outstanding Baptists of this century who now are with the Lord, but what they have to say is most relevant for today.

The article on baptism is not a full discussion on that subject, but deals mainly with the form of baptism, immersion. What it says, makes very clear why Baptists accept nothing else as baptism but the "immersion of a believer."

The article on the Lord's supper, by Dr. Truett, is the most comprehensive limited discussion of the Baptist position on that ordinance that we ever have seen. It is long, but every word should be read. At one time it was available in tract form, but we do read every word of it. At one time it was available in tract form, but we do not know of such publication today. The Sunday School Board still has a small tract on the subject by Dr.

Truett, but it is in such condensed form, that most of the real meat of the message has been omitted. In this day when many of our Baptist churches have slipped into the practice of "open communion" this message is needed, for it clearly shows why Baptists cannot practice that, without abandoning some of their distinctive principles.

The third article was written by the editor as a chapter for his recently published book. Since it had to be omitted because of space limitations in the book, we are using it here.

It is our hope to publish other doctrinal issues in the coming year, providing further discussion of the great truths which have made Baptists what they are.

Church Library Conference

A State Baptist Church Library Conference has been scheduled to be held in Louisville, the first week-end of next month. Full publicity has been given concerning it in news stories in the Record. Churches would do well to send the church librarian or library committee, or persons interested in starting a church library, to this meeting. Some of the finest church library experts in the nation will be on the program.

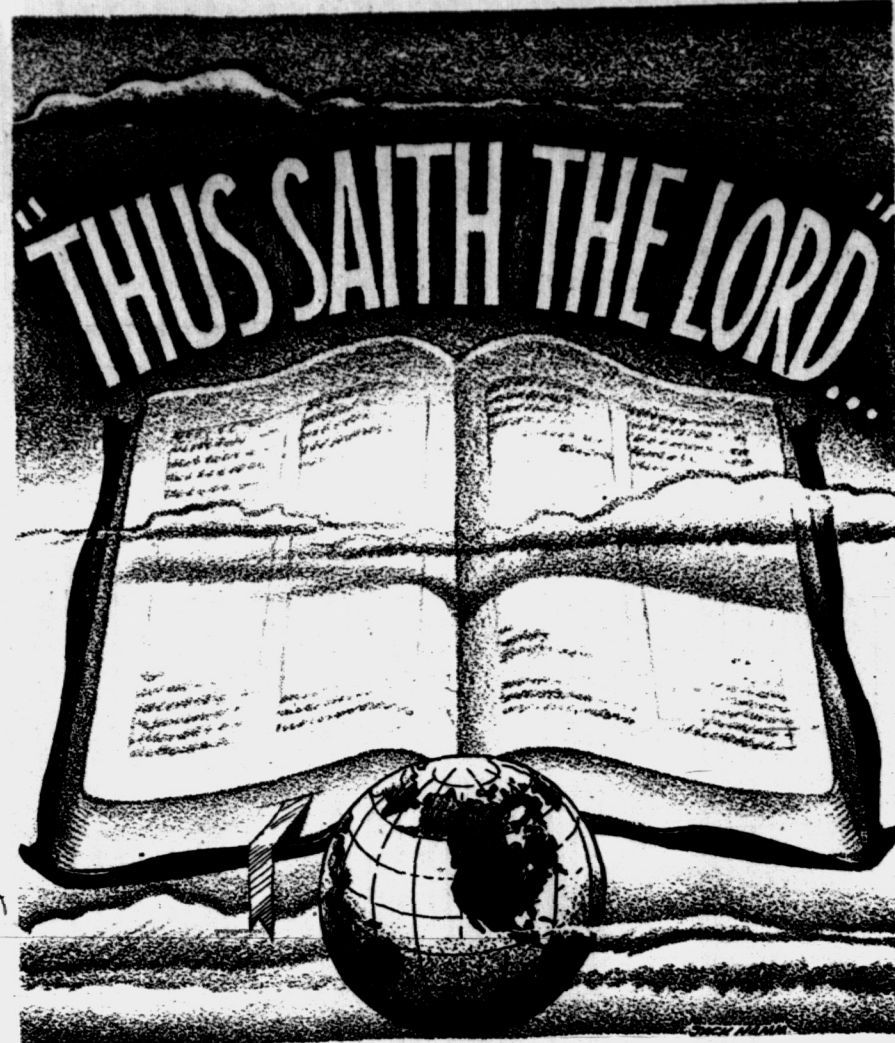
Every Baptist church, large or small, should have a church library. Even if it is nothing more than a single shelf of good books, it will make needed reading material available to the people. Properly used and developed, it can provide well chosen, graded reading material for use by every age and every interest group in the church congregation.

Good books can bless lives. Through them the reader can travel the world, revel in the world's knowledge, and

walk with the world's leaders, past and present. Every individual needs to learn to love and use good books.

Churches render a tremendous service to their members when they provide a library that is filled with good books and kept up to date. In this manner they can provide for the church homes, materials which most of them never could provide for themselves. Through a good church library a whole new world can be opened to them. Of course, we know that there are school libraries and public libraries, and we are grateful for them. They, however, can provide only a limited number of religious books, and almost no books that will be of special interest to Baptists. All of these can be provided in the church library. That is why this ministry is so important.

A library conference, such as the one scheduled for Louisville, can help promote more and better libraries in our Mississippi Baptist churches. We hope that large numbers of persons are planning to attend this meeting.



WE CAN ILL- AFFORD NOT TO LISTEN



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

When you spend your days following some vocation, you spend a lot of time thinking about that vocation—how to improve it, how to make it more meaningful to everybody involved. At least, we should take this attitude toward our vocations.

At present, I spend my days—at least, I spend five out of seven each week—in the teaching profession, and I would not be surprised if several weeks running I spend the equivalent of the other two days of the week in preparation, checking, evaluating, etc., you know all the "fringe benefits" of teaching that nobody told you about before you signed the contract!

Anyway, I wouldn't trade the occupational hazards of teaching for those of any other profession. I don't go to work for one single day three months of the year and receive the same amount of money each month I don't work that I received the months I did work.

But to get back to my subject, which is not the pros and cons of school teaching, but the improvement of the whole business. It seems to me that we need to update many things we insist our students—both in high school and college—spend so much time and energy on. While much of our curriculum content is relevant, much of it is not. A for instance—and this will sound like sheer heresy coming from an English major (with a Master's degree) and an inspiring writer: I fail to see why any student should have to struggle through the Canterbury Tales in Chaucer's English, or any other kind of English. They should know who Chaucer is, what the Canterbury Tales are and why they're significant, but so far as I'm concerned, many of the tales should be rated X and nobody should have to read them, much less delve into the sordid plots and spend time memorizing insignificant characters who'll never have any bearing on the complexities of growing up in America in the 1970's. I feel the same way about detailed studies of things like A TALE OF TWO CITIES and long Shakespearean plays. Be sure you notice the detailed in that last sentence.

When I was in graduate school, I had one course in which I had to spend hours every day reading Elizabethan plays and memorizing every little jet and title of them. All I remember now is the titles of a few of those plays—and I could look that up if I ever need to know.

What place has this type of column in a Baptist paper? Many teachers and school administrators read this paper. Many parents read it, and I'm pleased to say, so do some students. It is my belief that education should be geared by Christian teachers and administrators to meet the bell-ringing needs of young people today, right now, while they need help. There is unlimited contemporary literature that speaks to today and would hold a student's interest. I keep making reference to literature and English because that's my field. I believe in a general knowledge of literature and its development, but I believe that all this emphasis on old, old literature is a misuse of time and energy. On the college level, Christian education should help a young person understand how to handle life today, even in English classes (again, that's my field—I'm not picking on English people.)

At present, it seems that, in many courses, we hand our students old, molded bread when the cooling rack is full of bread just out of the oven. No wonder so many don't eat.

(Just in case, anybody need a good ex-teacher next September?)
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there, they sometimes transfer elsewhere.

The one place the students don't go except for an occasional visit, is back home, a development that is stripping many towns and villages of their best talent, says Mr. Packard.

"All the movement about the landscape of students and faculty... is setting a pattern of generalized restlessness for the country," he concludes.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Montana Thanks Mississippi For Help In Buying Tent

The messengers of the Montana Treasure State Baptist Association meeting in annual session, September 16, at West Yellowstone, Montana, wish publicly to express our deepest appreciation to the Baptists of Mississippi that helped financially on our tent revivals this summer to the amount of \$843.48, to Rev. Elmer Howell who supported this effort through his office and helped us in our search for a used tent, and to Dr. Joe Odle who carried our appeal in the Baptist Record. God richly blessed this effort and we had five revivals with a total attendance of 5,880 and 391 total of all types of decisions for Christ. Only eternity will tell what this effort means to our churches and to families and individuals. Thanks again, Mississippi Baptists, for another generous act of sharing our outreach needs.

James L. Kirtley
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Finds Objection To The Bus Ministry

From several items in the RECORD in the last several months I see that many churches are promoting a "bus ministry." I think that this is a commendable thing for a church to do when they are able to buy the buses and use them in their own church field to bring people in to hear the preaching and study God's Word.

However, there are some abuses of what could be a worthwhile ministry. I am thinking about a church that sends its buses far into the fields of sister churches to rob the sister church of its members and prospects to build up their own church roll. To me, it is a most unChristian-like thing to do.

I told some Jehovah Witnesses at my home some time ago that I did not object to their going out to win the lost, but that I did not approve of their going to Christian homes and trying to proselyte people away from their church. I cannot see too much difference when a Baptist church sends its bus fifteen or twenty miles from its church house to pick up members of another Baptist church within walking distance of their own church.

Having been a Baptist for fifty years, I know that no one can tell a church what it cannot do but I hope that this will cause a certain church in Mississippi to think about the Golden Rule and apply some Christian ethics in its dealings with sister churches.

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GINOWAN CITY, Okla. — The

17-year-old organization of Baptist churches here has officially changed its name from Okinawa Baptist Association to Okinawa Baptist Convention. "The new name more clearly defines the scope and responsibility of the 30 churches and missions which make up the organization," comments missionary press representative Wayne R. Maddox.

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NEWEST BOOKS

THE NEW SUPER SPIRITUALITY by Francis Schaeffer (InterVarsity, paper, 36 pp., \$7.50).

These are times of change. Is there a signpost that marks a new temperament in Christianity? Dr. Schaeffer says there is, and in this essay explains it.

BACK TO FREEDOM AND DIGNITY by Francis Schaeffer (InterVarsity, paper, 48 pp., \$5c).

"Born by chance. Dead by design." This is the beginning and ending of man, according to some scientists. But Dr. Schaeffer believes we need not be filled with despair. The truth lies in the Christian view of man.

MIRACLES IN INDONESIA by Don Crawford (Tyndale House, paper, 160 pp., \$1.25).

Indonesia — a land of 100 million people living on a 1500 mile long group of islands — is experiencing great spiritual activity as God seems to be manifesting His power in unusual ways. This book is written by a reporter who personally traveled in Indonesia.

BIBLE CHARACTERS AND DOCTRINES: ELKANAH TO DAVID by E. M. Blacklock; and **THE HOLY TRINITY** by Geoffrey Grogan; **NADAB TO BOAZ** by E. M. Blacklock; and **THE CHARACTER OF GOD** by J. Stafford Wright (Wm. B. Eerdmans, paper, \$1.50 each, about 128 pp. each). A new series of Bible study aids, these are designed for daily use. Each of these two volumes includes about 80 articles, half on important biblical doctrines, the remainder giving sketches of Bible characters.

Commentary On Romans by William S. Plummer (Kregel, 646pp., \$8.95) Reprint of a book first published in 1870. The author shows able scholarship in his verse by verse interpretation of the book of Romans. Even though written a century ago, the book is rich in material for today's Bible student.

JOURNEY AWAY FROM GOD by Robert P. Benedict (Revell, 189 pp., \$4.95) Can "science" prove the Bible wrong? This author shows the conflict between the two. What can the modern Christian believe? The author gives information from both views so that the reader can make his own decision as to what to accept. He reveals the fallacies in some commonly accepted "scientific facts." His position clearly, even as a scientist who is thoroughly familiar with science, is on the side of those who believe the Bible. This should be a most helpful book for those who are having a struggle with conflicts of faith and science.

BIBLE HISTORY IN OUTLINE by Roy Clark Maddux (Baker, 133 pp., \$2.50). Outline studies of every chapter in the Old Testament books, Genesis - Esther.

FIVE MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE by Walter Lang (Baker, pocket-book, paper, 127 pp., \$1.45). Simple to read and easy to understand explanations of many scientific truths which are related to the Bible.

SKILFUL HANDS by Raymond Brown (Christian Literature Crusade, paper, 124 pp.) Studies in the life of David, written by an English minister.

THE UNFOLDING OF THE PERSON by David G. Cress (Christopher, 168 pp., \$6.95) A study of the philosophy of Josiah Royce. This is scholarly volume which will be of special interest to trained philosophers.

JOURNEY AWAY FROM GOD by Robert P. Benedict (Revell, 189 pp., \$4.95) A study of the conflict between science and the Bible. The author seeks to resolve some of the problems. Special attention is given to the creation, evolution, the flood and other matters when conflict arises. The author reveals that scientific explanations no longer are uniform and there is more and more reason for accepting the Bible record, as it is given. It shows that you cannot believe both the Scriptures and the theory of evolution and that the same can be said concerning some of the other conflicts. He shows the conclusions of science are not final and that one who holds to the Scriptures has just as solid ground to stand on as do those who deny it.

VOICES FROM THE OPEN DOOR as recorded by Margaret Scott Houts (Christopher, 360 pp., \$6.50) Reprint of a book published more than 60 years ago claiming to be messages from people who had passed to the world beyond.

HANDBOOK OF REASON by Dagobert D. Runes (Philosophical Library, 199 pp., \$6.00) A handbook in subject form listed alphabetically on many subjects in the field of reason and philosophy. The author evidently rejects the Christian faith as it is revealed in the Bible and there appears to be some ridicule toward some Christians and some phases of Christian history and faith.

MY LORD AND MY GOD by Theodore Pitcairn (Exposition, 283 pp., \$7.50) Essays on modern religion from the point of view of a follower of Emanuel Swedenborg, appeals to the intellect rather than the emotions. Such books mean little to those who believe the Bible as the revealed Word of God.

REALITY OR PREACHMENT by John K. Forrest (Beacon, 239 pp., \$5.95) An analysis of the differences between the conventional language of morality and the actual moral behavior. This is a philosophical approach.

CREATIVE CLASSROOM COMMUNICATIONS by Winifred Currie (Gospel Publishing House, 123 pp., \$1.25) A study course type book on improved teaching.

LEARNING ABOUT MY CHURCH by Evelyn Vaughn (Convention, 63 pp.) Leadership material for use with a unit for the study of older children in Training Union work or similar training programs.

THE SERPENT WAS WISER by Richard S. Hanson (Angsburg, 128 pp., paper, \$2.95) A study of the first eleven chapters of Genesis. This is not a commentary and presents a rather unusual and perhaps satirical view of the Genesis story.

ONE TO ONE by William E. York, Jr. (InterVarsity, paper, 64 pp., \$5c).

Six short Bible studies for a Christian to share with a friend to help him discover the basic facts of the Christian message.

THE SEQUENCE OF THE SUPERNATURAL by J. Robert Ashcroft (Gospel Publishing House, pocket book, paper, 79 pp., \$1.00) Essays on the spirit filled life. This is one of many books coming out today on spiritual experiences. This writer seeks to explain some of the ways of allowing the life to be filled with the spirit.

WHITE BLACK MAN by Bob Stultz & Phil Landrum (Creation House, 172 pp., \$3.95) Story of the ministry of a white man in a predominantly black world in the ghetto areas of Chicago. This book presents ghetto life in all of its sordidness, but tells of the power of God to deliver human beings from the depths of sin.

THE USE OF THE WORD "WINE" IN SCRIPTURE by Kirtley Jolly (Exposition, 75 pp., \$3.50) The author is a Baptist pastor in Kentucky. In a carefully documented study, he considers the use of the word throughout the Bible. He says that after much research he has come to the conclusion that there is no reason to believe that Christ drank fermented wine or that Jesus made fermented wine in his miracle at Cana. He says that the word used is "oinos" which means grape juice. He also denies that fermented wine was used in observance of the Lord's Supper or that deacons were allowed to drink it. This is a valuable study for a subject which long has troubled many Christians as they sought to understand the word.

ROCK, BACH & SUPERSCHLOCK by Harold Myra and Dean Merrill (A. J. Holman, \$4.95, 123 pp.) The area of religious music today is touchy — for everybody has an idea about what's appropriate and what's not. In this book the authors point out facts and observations and trends that people can think about before making up their minds.

EDUCATION...what's happening

Vance Packard, the social commentator whose earlier books dubbed Americans *The Status Seekers* and *The Waste Makers*, is offering another catch-phrase in a new work called *A Nation of Strangers*. Americans, he says, have become so geographically mobile — a fifth of them moving at least once a year — that they are losing all sense of community, a loss that can be blamed in part on colleges and universities.

Going away to college is often the first experience of many talented young people in being uprooted, he says, and the training they get there in specialized professional, managerial, and technical skills destined them for careers where high mobility is required. The colleges, in short, are "breeding grounds for transients."

Using several sociological studies as well as his own anecdotal reporting, Mr. Packard argues not only that more students are passing through these breeding grounds but that many are getting the moving habit early by selecting colleges far from home.

He says that more than two million students are pushed and pulled across state lines to college each year by a variety of factors ranging from the lack of opportunity at home to the distant lure of academic prestige or recreational activities. Once

Disparity Of School - - -

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Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People filed briefs asking the Supreme Court to uphold the Texas district court decision.

The Rodriguez case arose out of the disparity in school financing in two San Antonio school districts. The Edgewood District, with a large concentration of Mexican-Americans, produced only \$28 per pupil in 1967-68 as compared to \$333 in the wealthy Alamo Heights district.

State and federal contributions failed to level out the gross differences. Total revenues per pupil — state, local and federal — were \$356 in Edgewood and \$594 in Alamo Heights.

This disparity exists in spite of the fact that the tax rate in Edgewood is higher than the rate in Alamo Heights. In other words, a poor district cannot produce as much money for education as a wealthy district, even if its tax rate is higher.

This, according to the poor parents in the Edgewood district, results in educational discrimination against their children because of wealth (or the lack of wealth).

Men's Conference - - -

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Ambassador from Trinity Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will share a visual presentation regarding his mission work tour to Mexico this summer.

Other officers of the conference are: Dr. Howard Carpenter, Sena-tobia, vice-president; Farrell Blankenship, Hattiesburg, secretary; Norris Edmonson, Natchez, Baptist men's leader; Woody Burt, Newton, R. A. leader. The Men's Conference is related to the Convention through the Brotherhood Department.

Annuity Board - - -

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To be most effective, group hospitalization and medical insurance must include 75 percent of the individuals in the group to be insured, Morgan said. Under Blue Cross-Blue Shield, less than 50 percent of church-employed personnel in the SBC signed up.

Churches, being autonomous, are not required to use the health benefit plan offered by the Annuity Board, Morgan said, and thus are different from commercial business and industry, which can make employee participation mandatory. The Board's change of companies will mean the individual will pay more; in others less, than he has been paying for Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Morgan continued.

N. C. Hospital - - -

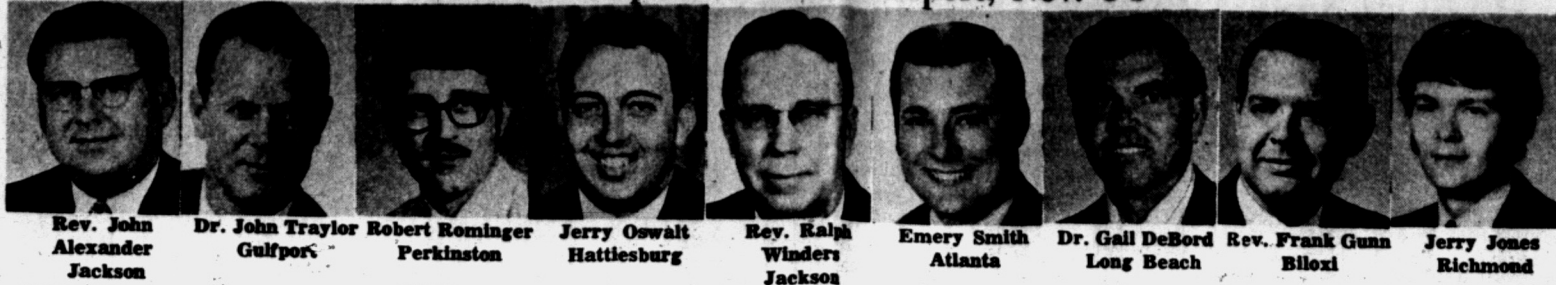
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have undermined support of the hospital by Baptist churches.

The study committee was to review these matters and make recommendations.

The report quashed speculation that North Carolina Baptists would follow the lead of some Baptist groups and get out of the hospital business, and lessened the likelihood of controversy at the state convention over the hospital relationship.

Some Of The Personalities Who Will Appear At The Mississippi Baptist Student Convention First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Nov. 3-5



Carver Says: "Baptism Is A Burial"

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he must not answer, must not even hear the call.

Even so, the great Apostle tells us, in behalf of Christ, we must be dead to all the calls, all the appeals of sin. We died to sin so thoroughly that we were buried and in our new life there is no place for response to the appeal. Men learn by pictures. Jesus Christ was the guest Teacher of men. He desired to set in his churches a picture which would at once represent man's death in sin, his own death for sin, and the believer's death to sin. He would have a picture that would keep forever before the personal Christian, the church and the world the essential truths and experience of Christianity.

Such a picture he found in baptism. "Therefore we are buried in baptism." For me Jesus Christ went to the cross and the grave. He gave me this picture framed by his own hands of love to keep as a symbol of all he has suffered for me, and of all I have received in him.

More than half a century ago a little woman responded to my need and my plea and committed herself to the enrichment of my life. Soon after she had made this pledge she gave me a picture of herself in a frame simply but delicately wrought. All these years that picture has hung upon the walls of my study, wherever I have lived.



Brazilian Woman Learns To Read Bible At 70

Senora Albina de Orillio (right) is a member of a Baptist church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Although she could not read, she volunteered to have regular Bible study in her home. Her living room was barely large enough, so she and her husband got a larger apartment. At 70 years of age, Senora Albina's greatest desire is that she might learn to read her Bible. Now Senora Juliana de Mester (second from right) is teaching her. Others in the photo are (left to right) Senor Ilika, Southern Baptist missionary Marion T. Lineberger and Senor Pablo Mester. Says Lineberger: "If every Christian would only use the talents he has in order to witness, as does Dona Albina, the advance of the gospel would be accelerated greatly in our day." (Photo by James O. Teel)

I do not need that picture to know the love of my wife. I could get the benefit of her sacrificial living for me if I did not have it. But I could not be true to her love, nor true to my own appreciation of her love, if I could be indifferent to this token and symbol of her. I could get along without it. I could never consent to substitute that picture with another.

And when my Lord and Saviour has chosen this baptismal picture, first to embody for himself what he was suffering for my salvation, and then to picture what he has done in me, and to proclaim his work for mankind. I cannot give it up nor change it. The picture does not save me. I could get along without it. Yet we do not wish to give it up. We will not substitute it with any other. It has permanent value in sentiment and in reason.

Baptism Preserves Integrity of Essential Christianity

New Testament baptism was not modified in form or substituted by some other "form" until the significance and the intent of the ordinance were perverted by misconception.

First there began to be attached to the ordinance an undue importance. Thus there was introduced slowly and then progressively the practice of "clinical baptism" for such as by reason of illness or infirmity were unable to accept baptism in the regular open

way in the presence of the church. Along with this arose the fear that baptism (immersion) would endanger the health if not the life of the recipient. So pouring of water on some parts of the body was substituted.

This clinical baptism indicated the beginning of a sacramentarian significance attributed to the ordinance. Along with this began the sacerdotal idea which in the course of time came to be attributed to the ordinance by the great body of Christians; and this was made emphatic by the Roman Catholic Church and carried over into the Greek Orthodox churches; and accepted by inheritance from the Roman Church by most of the Reformation churches, with varying degrees of insistent conviction.

Once the substitution of sprinkling or pouring as a possibility instead of baptism began, the practice extended more and more widely until by the eleventh century in Western Christendom it became the general practice.

From the second century "the clergy" began to be divided from the common Christian brotherhood and exalted above "the laity." Herein lies the most vitating influence for the departure of historical Christianity from the New Testament practice and from the essential nature of the Christian gospel and church.

In all churches which have either substituted or made official other "forms of baptism for the original 'form' in their baptismal formulas they depart radically from the intent of baptism as set forth in the New Testament. This is especially damaging in that sacramentarian efficacy for regeneration is explicitly attributed to the practice in all pedobaptist churches.

The corruption of baptism to its simple, symbolic significance is definitely associated with doctrinal error concerning Christology, soteriology, ecclesiology and the confusion between the church and the kingdom in the Christian movement. It is also associated definitely with the concept of man, of sin, and of the essential spirituality of the Christian experience in salvation and in Christian living.

Fundamentally the concept of family religion, involving christening of infants, became definitely a part of the church - state religion and the practice of nationalism in religion where by all children born within the domain of the state and christened within the official church were accounted as saved members of the kingdom of God.

The evils of this perversion are just

now proving a terrible handicap to the function of Christianity in the current world disorder and in the capacity of the church to prove itself the factor for bringing order out of the chaos for which Christianity is ultimately the only hope.

No Compromise Possible

It is because of the considerations herein set forth that Baptists are deeply convinced that they cannot compromise in the matter of the meaning, the nature, the subjects or the significance of baptism as a burial. It might be conceivable that Christianity could live in its spiritual significance without ordinances, as with the Quakers. For the ordinances are only symbols: deeply significant symbols but not saving functions.

We could not afford to substitute other symbols for those given to us. While it would be dangerous to add symbolic ordinances to the two given us, we might tolerate sprinkling and pouring as symbols of the giving of the Holy Spirit or as "sign and seal of the covenant of grace" as continuing "the covenant of the old dispensation."

Even there is a basic error. The covenant of Moses was itself a covenant of grace and its symbol, circumcision, had been practiced as a symbol of the grace covenant for centuries before it came to be connected with the covenant at Sinai. "We are buried therefore by baptism into the likeness of death" in all aspects of essential Christianity.

But we must never forget that baptism is not only burial, it is also resurrection. We are "raised with him (our Saviour Lord) unto newness of

Annuity Board Sends "Member Statements"

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here has mailed "member statements" to 30,000 pastors and other church staff personnel. "Member statements" show their standing as of August 31, 1972 in Annuity Board retirement and insurance programs.

Baynard F. Fox, Annuity Board vice president for Development, said statements indicate the person's accumulated cash value in retirement programs, retirement benefits built up at present and benefits payable at age 65 if contributions continue at the present rate until retirement.

Insurance coverage in group life, disability, and health benefit plans is also stated, Fox said.

The Annuity Board has sent statements to active and inactive members. Active members are those still serving in a church-related vocation and contributing currently.

Inactive members include persons who once contributed to Annuity Board retirement plans. Although they no longer contribute, they retain credits payable at retirement.

These persons may no longer be in a church-related vocation. If still in church service, they have discontinued

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First, Vicksburg Marks Pastor's 20th Anniversary

On October 15, Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, concluded twenty years of service, at the same time beginning his 21st year as pastor of the Vicksburg church.

At the morning worship hour Dr. and Mrs. McCall received from the congregation a check that will make possible a trip to the Holy Land and some points in Europe. On behalf of the church, John Strange, chairman of the church's Executive Committee, made the presentation and expressed appreciation of the ministry of the pastor and his family for these twenty years.

Dr. and Mrs. McCall and their older son, John G. McCall, III, moved to Vicksburg in 1952 from the pastorate of First Church, Mooresville, North Carolina. Since that time another son has been born to the McCalls, Dennis Francis McCall. John is a senior at Mississippi College, and Dennis is a freshman at Mississippi State University.

During his time of service as pastor in Vicksburg, Dr. McCall has served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and its Executive Committee, and as an officer in both of these groups. He has served Southern Baptist Convention as a member and officer of the Radio and Television Commission, the Committee on Boards, and the Committee on Order of Business.

Currently he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and for the second time a member of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College.

The McCalls will be making their tour of the Holy Land and Europe beginning on Thanksgiving day, and from the pulpit Dr. McCall expressed his and Mrs. McCall's deep gratitude for the gift, and for the privilege of serving the church for these two decades.

"Unless we are raised with him in the likeness of his resurrection," our burial in the likeness of his burial will have done nothing for us. It will have been no baptism. There must be immersion and emersion.

Becomes First Woman Pastor In SBC

NEW YORK (BP) — Mrs. Dreucillar Fordham here has become the first woman to serve as pastor of a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association accepted into full membership the Christ Temple Baptist Church, a black congregation which Mrs. Fordham has served as pastor since the church was founded in 1953.

The church, also affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., is now affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention by virtue of its membership in the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

Truett Writes On "The Supper Of Our Lord"

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proposes to participate in its observance. The individual has his place there with his brethren. The church collectively, and not individually, is about this table. They are going to observe the Supper. The officials are ready to give to each the emblems. Now, what is the supreme object of this self-examination? The Scriptures connected with the verse plainly tell us — it is a question of motive. The self-examination is to be had with this one end in view — not to so eat and drink as to bring condemnation upon himself, but simply and only so as to "discern the Lord's body." Oh, my brethren, I charge you, see to it that yours is the one motive whenever you observe this beautiful ordinance.

The Baptist Position.
I have already spoken an hour, and must close. I have gone over this subject hurriedly, but item by item, presenting the Scriptures touching this ordinance. May I say it modestly, my Baptist people keep this ordinance as is demanded by the Holy Word. They believe that God's word does plainly teach that men must be born again, and then be scripturally baptized, and then maintain an orderly church membership, in order to be scripturally entitled to observe this ordinance. For these prerequisites my Baptist people unwaveringly stand. They are the only people who have thus stood for this meaningful ordinance. Their fidelity has cost them reproach, and many have been the charges of "narrowness," "discourtesy," and "illiberality" that have been heaped upon them. But did it ever occur to some good Chris-

tian, who forgot himself so far as thus hastily to criticize his Baptist brethren, that the sublimest exhibition of fidelity and unselfishness in the history of Christianity is the Baptist position on the Lord's Supper? Dear brother, if it were for human applause, is it not reasonable that our course would be different? Against all the

J. C. Bradley To Direct Seminary Extension Centers

NASHVILLE (BP) — J. C. Bradley of Nashville, a staff member of the Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named associate director of Extension Center Education for the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries.

Bradley will assume the position with the department's administrative committee, composed of the presidents of the six SBC seminaries. Currently, Bradley is supervisor of the adult section, Church Training department, for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Previously, he taught for two years at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

A native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., Bradley earned the doctor of education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Louisville, with special study in the field of continuing education for ministers.

world my Baptist people thus have stood — and for what? They could have baptized many who are today in Pseudo-baptist churches, if they had not unyieldingly contended for the scriptural restrictions of this Supper. Our people feel, they believe with all their hearts, that for them to change their course one iota in this matter would be palpable disobedience to their Master's word.

I repeat, this ordinance has received awful treatment, but not by Baptist hands. It has been individually taken out of the church into the streets, but not by Baptist hands. Some withhold part of it altogether, but not my people. Some withhold it even from some whom they say they have baptized, but not my people. Some — from their talk I fear there are many — observe this ordinance for expressing their fellowship one for another, but never so by my Baptist people.

Illustration of the One Vision.

I am speaking too long, but my heart greatly yearns that this service may be a blessing to us all. Let me detain you with a question: Here in this solemn presence I ask you, Have I preached the truth today? I know I have with my whole heart sought to do it. And I have done it with the tenderest Christian love of my being for all who love my Master. If you have not seen that in my message today, then you have not seen my heart at all. I press the question: Have I preached the truth? Oh, if I have what good to hear and not obey it? I beseech you, one and all, to research God's word, that you

be kind. Remember everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. — T. H. Thompson

may know whether I have spoken the things of men or the things of God.

And now we gather about this table to remember our dying Lord, Saviour, by thy Spirit prepare us for this solemn yet joyous service! In the long ago a prince led an insurrection against his country and thereby legally forfeited his right to life. Though fleeing, he was finally captured and brought before the ruler whose authority he had despised. Looking upon him, the ruler asked him what he would give for his liberty. "The half of my estate," he answered. Again he asked him what he would give for the liberty of his children. "The other half of my estate," he quickly answered. And again, the ruler looking upon the prisoner's wife, asked him: "and what would you give for her liberty?" Quick as the lightning's flash he answered: "Oh, sir, if you will spare her I will give you my life!" Do you not guess the result? So deeply touched was the ruler's heart that he released them all. One day thereafter, when the pardoned prince spoke to his wife of the wonderful look of the ruler, on that momentous day when he set them free, she replied that she did not see him. "How could that be?" the husband asked, "Oh," said the wife, "I had eyes for nothing but for the man who was offering to give his life to save me."

Oh, my Master, thou Son of Man and Son of God with such sentiment let us come to thy table today. Let mother, aged, precious mother, and wife, patient, faithful wife, and children, tender and true, and neighbors, beloved and helpful — let the fair visions of all these be displaced this solemn hour by the glorious vision of Jesus — of Jesus only! Let us pray!

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Names In The News

Buddy Mathis, 18-year-old '72 graduate of Pascagoula High School, now enrolled in Mississippi College on a Presidential Leadership Scholarship was the featured speaker for the Greater Dayton Association of Baptist Youth in Dayton, Ohio.

This rally was the climactic service of the annual meeting of Baptists in that city. While in Ohio, he also preached in churches in Springfield and Fairborn. He has been invited to be the chapel speaker at Union University, Jackson, Tenn. on November 3. His fall itinerary, in fact, is extremely full. Born in Hattiesburg, Buddy is great-grandson of the late Rev. Dan Moulder, grandson of the late Rev. Chester Moulder, and son of Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula. Buddy compliments his preaching by playing the trumpet and has produced a long-play album put out by Word Records, Inc. During Christmas holidays he will direct a tour to Israel and Italy.

Rev. Troy A. Sumrall is serving as interim pastor of First Church, Pass Christian. He reports, "We have purchased our home in the Penthouse Condominium here in Pass Christian and plan to spend the balance of our lives in interim work as well as revivals." His home address is Penthouse Condominium No. 227, Pass Christian, Ms. 38571.

Rev. John W. Cook, former pastor in the state before moving to Florida and on to Georgia, has recently moved from Meigs, Georgia, to Morgan, Georgia, where he has become pastor of the Morgan Baptist Church. He may be addressed at Box 32, Morgan, Georgia 31768.

Miss Mary Alexander, enterprising missionary to China and Hong Kong, died at her home in Austin, Texas Oct. 6. She was 66. A funeral service was held Oct. 8 at the White-Wood-Corley Funeral Home with burial in Blanco, Tex., her birthplace.

Moak's Creek (Lincoln) on October 1 gave Sunday School perfect attendance pins to twenty persons with records from one to 18 years. Those with perfect records for five years and above were: Louise Hodges, 5; Gary Hall, 5; Erlene Hall, 5; Keith Johnston, 5; Willie Hodges, 6; Edgar Gatlin, 7; Melvin Walters, 8; Pamela Walters, 8; Paulette Johnston, 8; Mitchell Hall, 9; Johnny Hall, 9; Clayton Hodges, 10; Sheila Hall, 11; Rodney Hodges, 12, and Jim Green, 18.

William L. Shaw of Winona, pictured, is the new minister of education at First, Indianola.

Native of Eupora, and graduate of Delta State, he has a Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has taught school in Mississippi and Louisiana, and has also had experience in accounting and in chemical operations with the Atomic Energy Commission. He served as minister of education in several South Carolina churches before moving to First, Winona. His wife, the former Sara Boucher, is a native of Ruleville, and is an English teacher, with B.S. degree from Mississippi College. They have one son, William, sophomore at Holmes Junior College. Rev. Dan Morton is the Indianola pastor.

Robert B. (Rusty) Sumrall, Jr., pictured, on Oct. 9 was ordained to the ministry from Fernwood Church on the Gulf Coast. He had been a member of Fernwood while living on the coast. In his third year at Mississippi College, he has served various churches in part-time work and as summer missionary in Montana. Now he has received a call as pastor to Beech Grove Church, Pattison.

Rev. Thomas A. Leggett, Jr., pastor of Fernwood, was in charge of the ordination ceremony and was assisted by Rusty's grandfather, Rev. E. S. Flynt, who has been in the Baptist ministry for over 50 years; Rev. Allen Stevens, Chaplain of the State, and deacons of Fernwood Church. Rusty is the son of Mrs. R. B. Sumrall, Sr. of Gulfport.

Dr. H. C. Steele Dies At Age 88

Dr. Herd C. Steele, native of Mississippi, died in Columbus, Ohio, on September 26, at the age of 88. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Union Church, Mississippi, on September 29.

Those officiating at the funeral included Rev. Robert Carr, present pastor at Union Church; Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor of First, Brookhaven; Rev. Tom Dunlap, pastor of First Church, Natchez, and nephew of Dr. Steele; and Rev. G. C. Hodge, retired pastor, who was the first pastor of Union Church.

Dr. Steele was a long-time professor of chemistry. In 1917 he was instructor at Mississippi College. Then he went to Union Church where he kept books for a time, and where he helped to organize the Baptist church.

After he received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Indiana, he taught at Mississippi Southern, at Woman's College (now William Carey), and them for many years, until his retirement, taught at Judson College, Marion, Alabama.

Following retirement, because of the scarcity of teachers, he taught at Blue Mountain College for a couple of years on an emergency basis. After he stopped teaching, he lived with his daughter, Mrs. John D. Myers, in Columbus, Ohio.

Other survivors in addition to Mrs. Myers include another daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith of London, England; a son, John L. Steele, Tonawanda, New York; a brother, X. O. Steele of Brookhaven; a sister, Mrs. Ele Steele Turner of Brookhaven; and six grandchildren. Dr. Steele's wife, the former Christine Cato, also a Mississippian, died in 1929 of blood poison.

Harland's Creek Music Attains Merit Award Within 5 Months

May 2, 1972, a milestone was passed when Harland's Creek Church, Lexington, called a minister of music and established a Church Music Department. The minister of music, Harvey W. Carr, is a graduate of Clarke College, and holds the Bachelor of Church Music Degree from Florida State Christian College, Fort Lauderdale.

The months since Mr. Carr's arrival on the field have been filled with tremendous growth in the new ministry. The church received Merit Recognition from the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board this month, an achievement attained in five months.

As the church enters the new year, a full graded choir program consisting of five choirs and one ensemble has been established. A girls' sextet, THE WONDERFUL LIFE SINGERS, has made several appearances in the state and will be spearheading a mission tour involving all the youth of the church to Hamilton, Montana, during the summer of 1973.

Gratitude Expressed In Tribute To Mrs. Brent

North McComb Church (Rev. Joe Ratcliff, pastor) has passed a resolution, expressing to the family of Mrs. J. H. Brent their debt of gratitude for her generosity and good will.

Mrs. Brent died September 22, 1972. Know for her generosity, she was instrumental in the earliest beginning of North McComb Church. When North McComb was a newly formed congregation, she donated property to the church and enabled the members to begin their first building.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Nesbit Church: October 8-15; Rev. Benton Preston, pastor of Midway, Jackson, evangelist; Bill Spencer, minister of music, First Church, Collierville, Tenn., music director; 37 rededications; 21 professions of faith in Christ; Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.

The goal of criticism is to leave the person with the feeling that he's been helped.

The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone solve his.

Revival Dates

Calvary, Pascagoula: October 29-November 5; Dr. Howard Aultman of Columbia, evangelist; services nightly at 7:30 p.m., and at 11 a.m. on Sunday; music directed by Rev. James V. Miller, associate pastor and youth director; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

A man rarely succeeds at anything unless he has fun doing it.



Ministers Of Music Have Orientation

Several new ministers of music from over the state are seen in a period of orientation held recently in the Church Music Department of the State Convention Board. Those present are, from left: Tom Mercier, Woodland Hills, Jackson; Clyde Greer, First, Ellenville; Dan Hall, state director; Henry Maxey, First, McComb; Perry Robinson, First, Columbus; Hollis Fraser, Tylertown.



Religious Ed Class Visits Building

A class in religious education from Mississippi College recently visited the Baptist Building in Jackson under the "in-service" training program sponsored by the Cooperation Mission Department of the State Convention Board. Dr. Foy Rogers, director, in which the students study Baptist work and life. At left on front row is Dr. Norman O'Neal, class teacher and professor of religious education at the college. Seated next to him is Therman Bryant, associate in Cooperative Missions Department who directs the program. At right is Mrs. Marylyn Crisler, Baptist Building hostess.

Mission Opportunities Near You

Your Mission Dollars At Work Aiding The Local Churches

Rev. Ervin Brown, Supt. of Missions in Desoto County, makes use of your mobile chapel to start a new church in this fast-growing section of our state.

Rev. Leon Emery of the Cooperative Missions Department while serving the LuRand Church as interim pastor called on Rev. Clarence Cutrell of the Stewardship Department to help this church plan for a Stewardship program.

The Ministerial Alliance at Blue Mountain College. Through Ministerial Aid and Baptist Colleges your mission dollars are helping train our leaders of today and tomorrow.

Dr. Foy Rogers, Director of Cooperative Missions, Dr. Joe Hinkle of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. Maurice Flowers, Supt. of Missions in Jones Asso., conducted a series of Church Administration Conferences. This one was in Calhoun County where Rev. Marvin Lee serves as Supt. of missions.

People to People has been the cooperative effort of all of your State Missionaries during 1972 under the direction of Rev. Bryant Cummings, Director of the Sunday School Department.

Dr. Richard Brogan of the Negro Work Department spent one week in Bolivar County, look over the site for a proposed associational office building in Bolivar County.

The outreach of your churches is greatly enlarged through the International Student Banquet at State University under the direction of Jerry Merriman, State Univ. BSU Director. Mr. Merriman is seated at the extreme right end of the table nearest the flags.

It is certain that no one has kept a record of the number of churches in our state which have benefited from the knowledge and experience of Evelyn George of the Church Training Department in planning for their equipment and best use of space.

The Church Music Department, Dan Hall, Director, promoted Pastor-Song Director meetings such as this one at Newton.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, your executive secretary and treasurer, presents a Church Building Aid check to members of the Gum Springs Church near Braxton following a destructive tornado.

The Student Work Department ministers to members of your churches while in college through such local Student Directors as Rev. Louie Farmer who has served at the University of Southern Mississippi for many years.

Dr. Clark Hensley, Director of the Christian Action Commission, assisted by a number of out of state leaders conducted an area Family Life Conference at the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, Dr. Brooks Wester, Pastor.

Down the main highways, secondary highways, county roads, and sometimes just roads, your state missionaries travel out to the churches and associations to help meet the needs of the churches. The Cooperative Program makes it possible for them to concentrate their efforts and study in one general area of our church and denominational life. At the same time all of them are men and women who have had experience in the work of the local church. Thus by experience, training and opportunity they stand ready and qualified to help you. call on them. Pray for them. Give more through the Cooperative Program to undergird their efforts.

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A Consideration Of Freedom Under Authority

Chronicles 2 10:1-16; Romans 13:1-7;
1 Peter 2:11-17

By Clifton J. Allen

With this lesson we begin a unit on "The Changing World of National and International Relations." In this lesson we consider freedom under authority. The two are inseparably related. But the relationship is very complex; the problems are hard to resolve. We have a rich heritage of freedom but much abuse of freedom. We are committed to law and order, but we have much dissent and lawlessness. Some public officials and leaders of government exploit their positions with little concern for fairness and justice toward all groups and the general well-being of the people. Yet we are not without guidance for Chris-



tian duty. Bible principles guide responsible people.

The Lesson Explained
Submission To Constituted Authority
Romans 13:1-7

Paul laid down basic principles to guide Christians in their attitude toward civil authority at any time or under any political system. Government as such is ordained of God. This does not mean that God approves a corrupt government, ungodly offi-

cials, or unjust legislation. Civil authority, however, is divinely instituted for the maintenance of order and uprightness. The function of government is to curb lawlessness, immorality, and wickedness. Submission to constituted authority should be practiced unless it involves a clear violation of conscience and a personal breach of allegiance to Christ as Lord. The financial support of civil government is a moral obligation.

The instruction of Paul is clear so far as a general principle is concerned. But this is not a blanket endorsement of the rightness of particular laws or rules of government or of the integrity of particular officials. Dissent and disobedience may at times be required in fidelity to Christ. Christians must seek guidance from the whole teaching of the New Testament and from the leading of the Holy Spirit, which will surely be given to those willing to suffer for righteousness' sake and for their fidelity to the lordship of Christ.

Committed To Responsible Freedom
1 Peter 2:11-16

Peter, writing some years later than Paul, likewise gave counsel to the early Christians to guide them in their attitude and practice toward civil government. The admonition to submit to "every ordinance of man" seems all inclusive. But it was to be "for the Lord's sake," that is, they

were to do this recognizing Christ as their Lord and recognizing the divine purpose in established government. Had they failed to do so, they would have given cause for criticism by foolish men, unbelievers and pagans, accusing them of lawlessness. Such criticism would have misrepresented the gospel and would have militated against the Christian witness.

The Christians were to live as free men. That is, they were to exercise their freedom responsibly. In this way they would find no justification for license, no excuse for doing evil, no encouragement for unrighteous conduct or wickedness of any kind. They would be truly reflecting the life of servants of God. All this they would do voluntarily, not because they were forced to do so but because they were free. Their freedom gave them no right to be disorderly in resisting evil or to be unmindful of the rights of others.

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Guides For Christian Practice
1 Peter 2:17

Here we have in four imperatives an amazingly comprehensive code for Christian conduct. First, we are to honor all men. Every person deserves to be treated with respect, accorded the dignity of a person made in God's image. Second, we are to love the brotherhood. This applies specifically to those within the Christian fellowship. Within the Christian fellowship, inclusive of all Christians everywhere, there should be a higher level of mutual concern, of spiritual oneness, and of utter commitment to one another's good. Third, we are to fear God. This does not mean to be afraid of God. It means to recognize God in keeping with his infinite holiness and absolute sovereignty, and to accord to him the reverential devotion and submission and loyalty and love which are due him as our Creator and Lord. Fourth, we are to honor the king. This really meant the emperor. Here the implication for Christians is respect for, support of, and loyalty to the established institution of government. Faithful citizenship is an inseparable Christian obligation.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Jacob: Self-Sufficient Man

By Bill Duncan

Genesis 25:21-32; 27:1-40

Although not an architect, a fellow decided to draw the plans for his new home. Then he employed a builder with the firm understanding that he would follow the blueprints exactly. "You may not like my plans, but they suit me. So don't try to change anything, even if it appears best in your judgment."



The owner was out of town while the house was being framed, but on his return he went immediately to inspect it. With plans in hand, he and his builder checked out the downstairs.

"Just like I designed it," he complimented the builder.

"Now let's take a look upstairs," he suggested. But looking around, he was unable to locate the staircase.

"There isn't any," the builder apologized. The owner was outraged.

"How could you build a two-story house without a stairway?" the builder spread out the plans and recalled the agreement. To his amazement and embarrassment, the owner discovered that he had forgotten to design any steps.

We smile at such naivete. But all around us are people who want a second story, a third story, or a fourth floor to their lives. They are dissatisfied to live on the ground level of mediocrity. Some have visions of a skyscraper!

But pride and self-confidence rob some of achieving their goals. They brag about being self-made. They need neither God nor anyone else to plan their lives. That is why some end up with the goal, but no steps to enjoy or achieve it!

PARENTS OF THE SELF-SUFFICIENT MAN

Isaac and Rebekah are famous in the link between Abraham and the Hebrew generations. Yet there is a sad verse in the Isaac and Rebekah story: "Isaac loved Esau..." but Rebekah loved Jacob. No one has to say more. When a family is split by parental favoritism toward the children, then there comes forth sad results. Some have thought that Isaac was simply too passive for growth.

Friendship, McComb

Calls Glen Schilling

Rev. H. Glen Schilling has resigned as pastor of Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst, to accept a call to Friendship Church, McComb.

He has been pastor of Shady Grove for 7 1/2 years. Under his leadership, the church income has grown from \$9,000 to \$25,000; a complete activities program has been organized; the interior of the church has been renovated; a music program has been organized with three active choirs. There have been 62 additions by baptism, 83 by letter and 130 other decisions.

Other churches that Mr. Schilling has served are: Central (Yazoo); Oak Grove and New Good Hope (Scott).

He attended Mississippi College and is presently studying with Luther Rice Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Schilling have been active in the Copiah Association. He is associational clerk, and past president of the Pastor's Conference. Mrs. Schilling, the former Juanita Bond, served as YWA and WMU director of the association.

He has served as honorary chaplain for the local National Guard unit for five years.

The Schillings have two daughters: Mrs. Ray (Connie) Taylor, Jr., a teacher at the Union Academy, Georgetown, and Bonnie Schilling, sophomore at Copiah Academy.

ing boys. On the other hand Rebekah had a strong will that was shown in the acceptance of the marriage proposal (Gen. 24:57-58). She was determined that the son that she loved would be the greater. She taught him to lie and deceive: "Isaac was ready to sacrifice his son to duty, while Rebekah sacrificed truth and duty to her son."

Together they created a situation where one brother stepped on another in order to achieve a goal that brought more unhappiness. Isaac did not try to teach Esau the appreciation of the spiritual values of life. Rebekah taught Jacob to steal or take that which was not his. In the end she may have gotten the blessing but she lost her son from the home. It became necessary for him to go live with his uncle for the sake of his life.

Esau — a Brother's Competition

Esau was close to his father because of his ability and position as the older. He rather than Isaac's wife, enjoyed preparing the father's favorite dish. Esau is called Irreligious in Heb. 12:16. He may have been a person with poor spiritual insight, but he wanted his father's blessing.

The blessing of the older son was a Hebrew idea of that culture. It carried with it a larger share of inheritance and prestige. Yet every child should have had his father's love and appreciation. This is any father's most valuable gift.

Esau's worst fault was that he only lived for the moment. In Gen. 25:32, Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright?" Later he showed that he was never really interested in carrying out the religious heritage when he married Hittite wives.

Even though one may be sympathetic for the shabby treatment he received from his family, Esau was the wrong man to preserve the covenant.

Jacob, the Surplanter

Jacob was given a name that matched his nature. The little rascal was grabbing at his brother's heel and trying to get in front of him even while they were being born. So the parents named him Jacob — the one who grabs at another's heel.

Self-assurance and self-sufficiency are traits that one learns by doing his own thing. Experience most likely led Jacob to do the things which he did. But remember the words of Prov. 16:18-20: "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

Jacob's offer to purchase the birthright reveals failure on his part to appreciate fully the moral nature of the blessing of Abraham. Certainly it could not be bought and sold. One redeeming fact, however, is revealed by his offer. He wanted and valued that blessing. In God's sight the birthright was never his, and the sale of

it was a comedy of errors. The overall view from the Bible says that Jacob was the one who carried out his rightful place. The tragedy is how Jacob went about to claim something that would have been his by God's moral judgment.

The man Jacob became Israel when he gave up his spirit of self-sufficiency. When he saw the error of his ways, then he went his way to God in the night. God touched his life and change came about.

Martha Patrick Kidney Fund Is Set Up At Forest

Brother Odle:

I am writing to tell you of another person whose life depends on a kidney machine. She has to go to Jackson at night twice each week for machine treatments, in order to go to school during the day. She is 15-year-old Martha Patrick. Her mother is a widow and they live on a farm.

They are Baptist church members and go to Ephesus Church, a few miles northeast of Forest. (Her grandparents are my neighbors and dear friends of mine.)

There is a fund set up at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest, to help toward Miss Patrick's expenses and toward buying a kidney machine for her.

Should Mississippi Baptists be led to help, they may send their gifts to the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, Forest, Ms., designating their gifts to the Martha Patrick Kidney Fund.

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Curtis Union Plans

Dedication, Open House

The Curtis Union Church, Batesville, member of Panola County Association, has moved into its new building and is having an all-day open house, homecoming and dedication starting at 10:30 a.m. on October 29.

All former members as well as the public are invited. Lunch will be served at the church.

"The Spring Creek Singers" of Philadelphia will sing from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Longview Heights To Celebrate First Anniversary

Longview Heights Church, Route 1, Olive Branch, will observe its first anniversary with dinner on the grounds and homecoming services October 29. All present and former members are invited as well as friends and other fellow Christians, according to Rev. Armond Taylor, pastor.

Longview Heights Church was formerly located at 685 E. Mallory Avenue, Memphis. Its present location is four miles east of I-55 on the corner of Goodman and Pleasant Hill Roads, Olive Branch, in DeSoto Association.

The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. Bible Study, followed by worship at 11. Lunch will be served at noon. Church Training begins at 6:30 p.m. The Reflections, a singing group, will provide special music at the evening worship hour.

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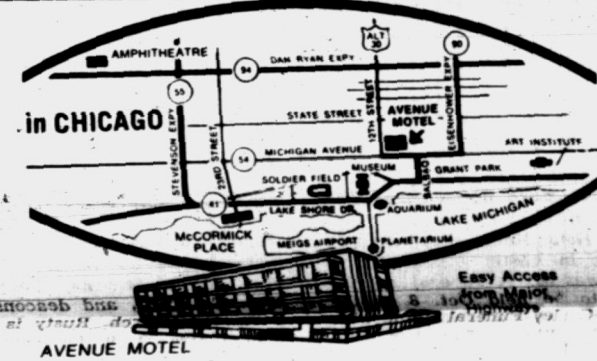
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"Miracle Rally" Draws 903 To Ridgeland

The dictionary defines a miracle as "an event in the natural world, but out of its established order, possible only by the intervention of divine power."

"Ridgeland Church experienced a miracle Oct. 15 as 903 persons attended Sunday School. Their goal was 800, which was exceeded by 103. A year ago attendance was 211," states the pastor, Rev. Jerry Odom.

When asked how they did it, Pastor Odom replied, "Faith and works! By faith we believe that all things are possible and then we work as hard and effectively as we can. The results we leave to God's providence. God has not failed us yet!"

The church, which has received 200 new members in the last year, is located between two highways north of Jackson — Hwy. 51 N. and I-55N. Because of this, an interesting thing happened on the eventful Sunday. A car with a family of six inquired from one of the men directing traffic in front of the church, which way was it to the Interstate and what's going on here? Before giving directions to the Interstate, he invited them to the services. The car pulled away headed for the highway. About five minutes later the same car approached the church again and asked where they could park, stating that they had changed their minds and would like to attend the services.

GLENDALE HOMECOMING

Glendale Church will have Homecoming Day Sunday, October 29. This will mark their sixth year in the present building. There will be dinner on the grounds and the morning message will be by Rev. Buford C. Sellars, first pastor of Airport Church. He is the son of the late Rev. L. D. Sellars of Carrollton, and is presently pastor of First Church, Glendale.



Many of the Morrison Heights Church youth choir members are seen just before choir practice on Friday night.

Morrison Heights Youth To Premier 'Lightshine'

The combined youth choirs of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will present two "Premiere performances" in the Jackson area, of the new Christian folk-musical, "Lightshine!" At the request of the publishers, Word Music Inc. of Waco, Texas, and in affiliation with the Baptist Book Store of Jackson, members of the messengers, the youth choir, and the college choir have joined together to give these performances.

Mrs. Grace Hawthorne is author of the lyrics in this musical and Dr. Beryl Red is composer and arranger.

"Lightshine!" is a musical interpretation of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-17). Hardship words such as "persecution", "hunger", and "poverty" are sprinkled throughout the Beatitudes. However, the dominant theme is one of happiness and joy. Now!

Under the direction of Dick Love, minister of music and youth, the combined choirs will present the fully staged version on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clinton High School Auditorium, and on Thursday, November 2 at 8:00 p.m. in the Jackson Mall. Accompanists will include Kathy Gates and Joanie Gentry, piano; Mike Nazary, percussion; and Art Gentry, Roy Hood, and Sherman Dillon of "The Brother Business," acoustical guitar, bass, dobro, and harmonica.

These presentations will be the first in this area. The performance in the mall is in connection with the Children's Education Week sponsored by the Jackson Mall. Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor of Morrison Heights, extends the public a cordial invitation to attend these musical presentations.

The Christian's Cross

By Philips R. McCarty, MC faculty

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me. For the man who wants to save his own life will lose it; but the man who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25 TEV).

The cross is a necessary part of every Christian's life. On his cross the Christian loses self in service to others. Carrying the cross is not an easy task. There are certain factors in our lives that make cross bearing difficult.

Denying self is not an easy thing to do. We are basically selfish people. Most of us are interested in what we gain for ourselves more than we are interested in giving to others. Only on a cross where life is lost can real life be found. We must die to self in order to live for Christ.

Sometimes we are afraid to act for fear of doing the wrong thing. One of the great tragedies of the Christian faith today is the lack of actions on the part of many Christians. The promise of God is to be with those who follow him. We need to be willing to faith God more and fear people less.

Following Christ is easier to profess than to perform. If we follow Jesus we learn to have concern for every man in every area of life. Certainly if we are to do this we must lose self to serve others. We must give away our lives in order to find real life.

The world needs to know about the cross of Christ. Hymns, paintings, writings, and sermons are good, but not adequate enough to portray the cross to the world. Instead the world must see the cross of Christ in the lives of Christians; people who have found life by losing their lives in service to others.

"The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free; And then go home my crown to wear, For there's a crown for me." (Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone — Shepherd and Allen Baptist Hymnal.) There is a crown for the Christian, but the cross comes first.

Co-Lin Students To Conduct Marathon Reading Of New Testament By Radio

During Christian Focus Week at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, members of the Baptist Student Union will conduct a marathon reading of the New Testament over campus radio station WWCL-FM.

The nineteen-hour marathon will begin on November 1 at 10 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. November 2.

Christian Focus Week is an effort sponsored by the Student Christian Association made up of representatives of all religious organizations on campus.

What Does A Pastor Do?

"The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor, a bit of a philosopher, an entertainer, a salesman, a decorative piece for public functions, and he is supposed to be a scholar. He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow and to admonish those who sin, and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty. He plans programs, appoints committees when he can get them; spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair; be-

tween times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, "What a job — one day a week!" — Anonymous

BMC Choir To Sing "Love"

The Baptist Student Union, Choir of Blue Mountain College will present the young world musical "LOVE" by Otis Skillings. It is under the direction of Miss Judy MacMillan of Atlanta, Georgia. The presentation will be in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, on October 27 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited. There is no admission fee.



"Truth" To Sing November 4 At Blue Mountain

"Truth" has logged approximately 50,000 miles on tour, presenting 250 concerts along the way. Their appearance at Blue Mountain College

at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4 in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, is one step on a tour which will take them in every major city in America. Tickets for all

ages will be sold for \$2.00. For reservations, call the Blue Mountain College main number, 685-5711, or write requests to Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610.



First, Bruce, Redecorates Sanctuary

Dedication services were held at First, Bruce, on October 1. The enlarged and redecorated sanctuary (bottom photo) which now seats 550, was filled Sunday morning; 455 were in Sunday School. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 2 p.m.; the front doors of the church were opened and the people welcomed to open house by the pastor, Rev. L. E. Gandy. The people also were invited to see the new pastor's study, church parlor, and bride's room. Organized in 1927, the church has grown continuously. Contributions for 1972 were \$119,887.04.

A leader has two important characteristics: first, he is going somewhere; second, he is able to persuade other people to go with him.

There are few, if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient. Needed also are loyalty, sincerity, enthusiasm, and cooperation.

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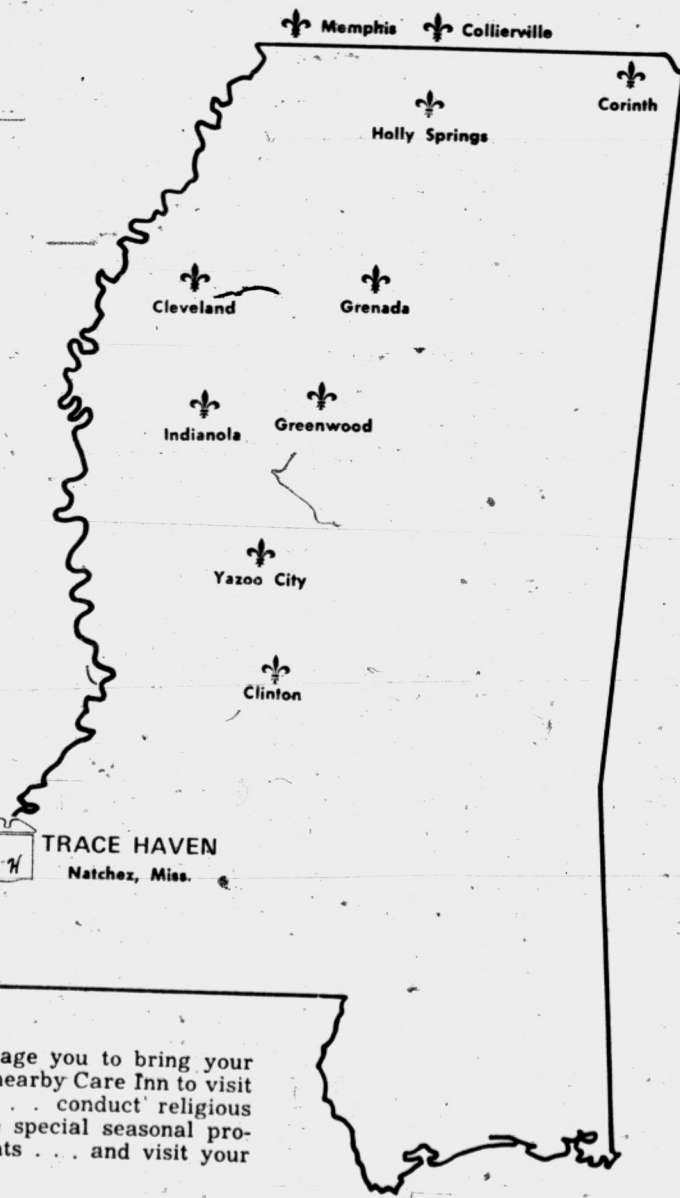
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Forest Hill To Construct Two Buildings

On September 17 ground-breaking services were held at Forest Hill Church. Special guests were Rev. Rudy Paine, general contractor, and Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of Hinds - Madison Association.

One of the buildings under construction, a children's building, will house the nursery departments through children's division. It is also designed for day care and kindergarten should the church move into these areas of ministry.

The other building, also designed for multiple use, will be an activities building. There will be educational space for the senior high department as well as a kitchen and large fellowship hall.

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